

GLORY ROAD? IT'LL BE A TOUGH SLOG FOR BLUES

'You're right
on Wanderers'
failure'

I entirely agree with your paper's comments regarding the reasons for Wycombe Wanderers failure this season.

Sentimentality seems to be the first priority and some players are obviously not "playing for their place."

Other players like Dave Bullock, who in his four first team appearances this season has not been on a losing side, and Mick Holifield, who although he has only played in just over half the games this season, is second top goalscorer, are continually overlooked.

The Wanderers crowds are only one third of last season's but the club officials live in a dream world and charge the highest admission charge in the league.

Every Wanderers squad player has played for at least one other club. Why not encourage local talent? At least 20 local boys have been approached by professional teams.

So these are three suggestions to encourage the crowds to come back - play the players in form, encourage promising youngsters to train at Loakes Park, and reduce admission charges. -- C. GRAHAM, "Oak Cottage," Hazlemere Road, Penn.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS begin the trail to Wembley stadium on Saturday when they take on Herts Athenian Leaguers Cheshunt in a first round FA Amateur Cup match at Loakes Park.

But on present form it seems unlikely that the Blues will reach the "hallowed" turf which has eluded them over the past two seasons when they dominated the Isthmian League.

Wycombe were knocked out of last year's Amateur Cup in a semi-final by Hendon, who not only won the final but have continued through the first 26 league games this season without defeat.

Their only loss has been a 1-0 defeat to professionals, Plymouth Argyle in the FA Cup itself.

Last chance

And as Wycombe, already down in the middle of this year's competition table, begin their struggle for Wembley glory, three fellow Isthmian League clubs, Hayes, Bishop's Stortford and Walton & Hersham, continue their campaigns in the FA Cup.

The FA Amateur Cup is indeed Wycombe's last chance for any glory at all this season.

Hendon have taken over their last season mantle of top amateur side in the country and are not only

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favourites to win the Amateur Cup again but are a clear 17 points ahead of Wycombe in the Isthmian League.

Last Saturday's home league game against Walton was postponed because John Delaney, Larry Pritchard and Tony Amos played for England in the amateur international against Wales and at least they had a taste of success with a 3-1 victory.